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STUDY DEBUNKS ALCOHOL MYTH

Matt Oosterhouse
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Movies such as “Animal House” or “Old School” portray a perceived side of the college lifestyle: alcohol consumption by students. A popular stereotype is that the majority of college students across the nation consume alcohol on a regular basis.

A joint effort by the Counseling Center, the office of Residential Life and the office of the dean of students is aiming to dispel the alcohol consumption stereotype as a myth on Hope College’s campus.

According to the posters around campus, the majority of Hope students do not consume alcohol on a regular basis. Statistics from a research survey conducted during the fall semesters of 2005 and 2006 found that 60 percent of students surveyed indicated that they do not drink alcoholic beverages on a regular weekly basis.

The survey was coordinated by Dean of Students Richard Frost and Dr. John Jobson, assistant dean of students and director of Residential Life and Housing, and was confidentially administered via Hope’s e-mail system. The survey asked two direct questions, from which statistics were obtained.

“What is the average number of alcoholic drinks that you consume per week (a drink is a bottle of beer, a glass of wine, a shot glass of liquor, or a mixed drink)?” the first question asked, in a self-reporting method, giving multiple choice answers in increments ranging from “0” to “Over 30.”

In the 2005 survey, 920 of 1,502 respondents and 805 of the 1,330 respondents in the 2006 survey answered the first question with “0” drinks per week. The statistics show that 60 percent of students who reported said that they do not have an alcoholic beverage on a weekly basis.

The second question, which included the same possible multiple-choice answers as the first, asked students their perception of alcohol consumption among Hope students. The resulting statistics indicated that students perceived that only 3 percent of students in 2005 and 5 percent of students in 2006 did not consume alcohol on a regular weekly basis.

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PHOTO EDITOR DAVID MOORE

MOVE-IN MADNESS — On Friday, Aug. 24, first-year students, parents and Orientation staff lugged boxes, refrigerators, TV’s, and other dorm room essentials into residential halls across campus. Pictured is a view of move-in from Dykstra Hall.

2011: ‘LET THE THE JOURNEY BEGIN’

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“Let the Journey Begin” was the central theme for the 2007 Hope College Orientation, and for many, the journey dampened when rain briefly fell during a busy stretch of the moving in process.

Despite the adverse weather on Friday, Orientation 2007 proceeded without a further weather-related hitch, apart from the Orientation Extravaganza being moved from the Pine Grove to inside the Dow Center for first time in many years.

According to the Registrar’s office, 823 first-year students are registered for classes, making the class of 2011 one of the largest incoming classes to attend Hope

College.

The weekend for the new students was chock-full of activities and events, ranging from Orientation group meetings to PlayFair, from the Luau to Orange and Blue for You and other small activities. Hope’s orientation weekend is unique from many other schools, specifically state colleges

and universities, often lending a personable side to the process.

One first-year student, Max Brady (’11), noticed such a difference.

“I was expecting the typical short-term orientation — one day, then go to classes,” Brady said. “I like how they treated us as adults and not just like children.”

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With many events to choose from, Orientation’s appeal reaches many different types of people.

Christina Bowles (’11) of Dykstra Hall particularly enjoyed PlayFair.

“I really liked PlayFair because you got to know people in an active setting,” Bowles said.

Whether it was PlayFair, the Luau, or any other event, students

spent the weekend getting to know not only the campus but other people as well.

Kollen Hall resident Jon Kinsey (’11) enjoyed the weekend as a whole.

“I enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people, seeing as I only knew one other person, my roommate,” Kinsey said, “so it put me in an environment where meeting new people was kind of forced upon you, which was beneficial.”

The orientation assistant’s side of things went equally well.

“[Orientation] went well. The staff this year was really great. We’ve had kind of a small staff, so move-in was more difficult than usual,” said Anna Finger

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NOT FORGOTTEN: HOPE MOURNS STUDENTS

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With the painful loss of life still fresh in the minds and hearts of many in Hope College’s community, orientation weekend carried on as previously planned, albeit missing significant participants.

For the second consecutive year the Hope community, and the student community in particular, has been forced to deal with the loss of loved ones during summer recess. Paul Baeversstad (’08) and Darcy Quick (’06) passed away in accidents that occurred during the summer months of 2006.

On Aug. 10, Sam Meengs (’10) and

Karen Linder (’10) were involved in a car accident in Ravenna Township that took both of their lives. Meengs was pronounced dead at the scene and Linder a day later from injuries suffered in the crash. The accident occurred enroute to Meengs’ family cottage on Hess Lake.

Meengs and Linder were involved in campus activities, Meengs with the men’s swimming and diving team and Linder with campus ministries. Both were scheduled to be assistants for this year’s orientation.

A funeral service for Meengs, a resident of Zeeland, and Linder, a native of Sioux City, Iowa, was held on Aug. 15 in Dimnent

Chapel. A separate memorial service was held for Linder in Sioux City on Aug. 21.

Memorial scholarship funds have been arranged via the Karen Linder Scholarship, 2912 Chambers St., Sioux City, Iowa, 51104, for Linder, and the Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation for Meengs.

To honor the lives of Karen and Sam, The Anchor plans to publish a tribute in its Sept. 12 issue. We welcome reflections on the lives of Karen and/or Sam from anyone who would like to contribute.

Please e-mail submissions to anchor@hope.edu or drop them off at The Anchor’s office in Martha Miller Center 151.

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Beginning the journey



PHOTO EDITOR DAVID MOORE

OA ENTHUSIASM — Nate Johnson ('09) jumps for joy as yet another first-year student settles into his new home.



PHOTO EDITOR DAVID MOORE

TRUST CIRCLE—Orientation student leaders participate in a trust-building exercise minutes before the 10 a.m. move-in start time. Orientation directors, assistant directors and orientation assistants participated.



PHOTO EDITOR DAVID MOORE

SKYVIEW — Some first-year students managed to move in before the rain hit. Many, however, did not.



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LOTS OF BOXES — Orientation Assistants anticipate the arrival of new students and their supplies as a FedEx truck arrives at Dykstra Hall.



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TUNNEL O' HOPE — Orientation staff cheer on apprehensive first-year students as they enter and become the PlayFair tunnel.

HOPE PROFS, HOLLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZE AGAINST WAR



PHOTO EDITOR DAVID MOORE

RIVERSIDE RALLY — Holland community member Norma Noordijk, left, and Hope professors Curtis Gruenler, center, and Julie Kipp, right, exchange a greeting with a friendly River Avenue passer-by. Gruenler and Kipp were two of about 35 community members who organized an anti-war rally the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 28. The rally was organized by the Holland chapter of Move-on.org's Operation Democracy, an affiliation of volunteers who organize political events in their local communities.

GONZALES RESIGNS

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has resigned, ending a months-long standoff with Republican and Democratic critics who called for his ouster over the Justice Department's botched handling of FBI terror investigations and the firing of U.S. attorneys, officials said Monday.

The likely temporary replacement for Gonzales is Solicitor General Paul Clement, who would take over until a permanent replacement is found, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department held a news conference on Aug. 27 in Washington. President Bush was expected to discuss Gonzales' departure at his Crawford, Texas, ranch., before leaving on a trip to western states.

Two administration officials speaking on grounds of anonymity said that Gonzales had submitted a resignation letter last Friday. These officials declined to be identified because the formal announcement about Gonzales was still pending.

A longtime friend of Bush, who once considered him for appointment to the Supreme Court, Gonzales is the fourth high-ranking administration official to leave since November 2006. Donald H. Rumsfeld, an architect of the Iraq war, resigned as defense secretary one day after the November elections. Paul Wolfowitz agreed in May to step down as president of the World Bank after an ethics inquiry. And top Bush adviser Karl Rove earlier this month announced he was stepping down.



Alberto Gonzales

A frequent Democratic target, Gonzales could not satisfy critics who said he had lost credibility over the Justice Department's botched handling of warrantless wiretaps related to the threat of terrorism and the firings of several U.S. attorneys.

As attorney general and earlier as White House counsel, Gonzales pushed for expanded presidential powers, including the eavesdropping authority. He drafted controversial rules for military war tribunals and sought to limit the legal rights of detainees at Guantanamo Bay prompting lawsuits by civil libertarians who said the government was violating the Constitution in its pursuit of terrorists.

FACEBOOK FOUNDER SUED BY COMPETITORS

Shannon Craig
NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

Facebook, the popular and rapidly growing social utility website, is facing a lawsuit which could shut it down.

Divya Narendra and twins Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss are suing Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook, for fraud, copyright infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Narendra and the Winklevoss twins, founders of ConnectU, allege Zuckerberg agreed to write the code for ConnectU's predecessor, The Harvard Connection. However, according to the three ConnectU founders, Zuckerberg dragged his feet and then used their ideas to open Facebook in 2004.

ConnectU originally filed suit in September 2004; however, it was dismissed because of a

technicality. The Winklevosses and Narendra quickly refiled the suit.

Lawyers for both Zuckerberg and Facebook assert that there was no written and binding contract between Zuckerberg and the founders of the then Harvard Connection.

Facebook responded to the ConnectU lawsuit by asking it be dismissed.

Court documents filed by Zuckerberg's lawyers state, "Each of them had different interests and activities. Only one of them had a

significant idea enough to build a great company. That one person was Mark Zuckerberg."

A hearing was held July 25 in U.S. District Court in Boston.



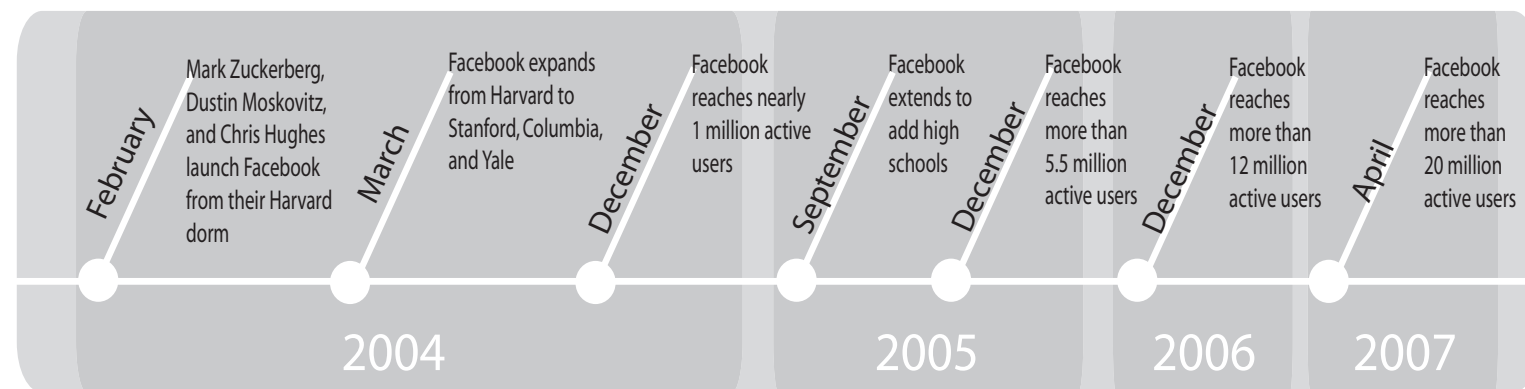
GRAPHIC COURTESY FACEBOOK

The decision to dismiss the case, however, was delayed by U.S. District Judge Douglas Woodlock.

Woodlock was remained unconvinced of the plaintiff's case, giving ConnectU and their lawyers until Aug. 8 to revise their complaint. Facebook was then offered two weeks following ConnectU's deadline to respond to the revised charges.

The judge wanted to specifically know if the contract between the parties was purely verbal.

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IN BRIEF

U.S., IRAQI FORCES KILL 33 SUNNI INSURGENTS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Hundreds of U.S. and Iraqi forces backed by helicopters and jet fighters attacked and killed 33 Sunni insurgents who were holding back the water supply to the Shiite town of Khalis, the

American command said in a statement Tuesday.

The assault began before dawn on Monday when a joint force was landed by helicopter in the village of Gubbiya, 10 miles east of Khalis. The assault force killed 13 fighters

and attack aircraft killed 20 others, the military said. The area is known to be controlled by al-Qaida in Iraq. Khalis, 50 miles north of Baghdad, has been the scene of repeated Sunni insurgent bombings and mortar attacks.

READING IN U.S. UNPOPULAR IN '06

(AP) — According to an Associated Press — Ipsos poll released Aug. 21, one in four adults claim to have not read a book at all in the past year.

The study found that women and seniors were the most fervent readers. The most popular choices

of reading material were works of popular fiction or of a religious nature. The average person claimed to have read four books in 2006. Removing those who did not read any books last year, the average number of books read in 2006 rose to seven books.

RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE 2008

Shannon Craig
NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

KEY:
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Party
Job
Birthday
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Major
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Joe Biden ①
Democrat
Senator from Delaware
Nov. 20, 1942
University of Delaware ('65)
History and Political Science
www.joebiden.com

Sam Brownback ②
Republican
Senator from Kansas
Sept. 12, 1956
Kansas State University ('79)
Agriculture economics
www.brownback.com

Hillary Clinton ③
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Senator from New York
Oct. 26, 1947
Wellesley College ('69)
Political science
www.hillaryclinton.com

Chris Dodd ④
Democrat
Senator from Connecticut
May 27, 1944
Providence College ('66)
English literature
www.chrisdodd.com

John Edwards ⑤
Democrat
Former senator from N. Carolina
June 10, 1953
North Carolina State ('74)
Textile technology
www.johnedwards.com

Mike Gravel ⑥
Democrat
Former Senator from Alaska
May 13, 1930
Columbia ('56)
Economics
www.gravel2008.us

Rudy Giuliani ⑦
Republican
Former mayor of New York City
May 28, 1944
Manhattan College
Political science
www.joinrudy2008.com

Mike Huckabee ⑧
Republican
Former governor of Arkansas
Aug. 24, 1955
Ouachita Baptist ('75)
Biblical studies
www.mikehuckabee.com

Duncan Hunter ⑨
Republican
Congressman from California
May 31, 1948
Western School of Law ('73)
Law
www.gohunter08.com

Dennis Kucinich ⑩
Democrat
Congressman from Ohio
Oct. 8, 1946
Case Western Reserve ('73)
Communications, speech
www.dennis4president.com

John McCain ⑪
Republican
Senator from Arizona
Aug. 29, 1936
U.S. Naval Academy ('58)
Major not available at press time
www.johnmccain.com

Barack Obama ⑫
Democrat
Senator from Illinois
Aug. 4, 1961
Columbia ('83)
Political science
(with an international relations concentration)
www.barackobama.com

Ron Paul ⑬
Republican
Congressman from Texas
Aug. 20, 1935
Gettysburg ('57)
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www.ronpaul2008.com

Bill Richardson ⑭
Democrat
Governor of New Mexico
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Tufts ('70)
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www.richardsonforpresident.com

Mitt Romney ⑮
Republican
Former governor of Massachusetts
March 12, 1947
Brigham Young University ('71)
English
www.mittromney.com

Tom Tancredo ⑯
Republican
Congressman from Colorado
Dec. 20, 1945
Uni. of Northern Colorado ('69)
Political science
www.teamtancredo.com

PRIMARY DATE MAY CHANGE

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NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

Michigan voters may have a chance to pick their favorite presidential candidate sooner this year, giving the state more influence in choosing each party's nominee for the 2008 general election.

Democratic Michigan voters are set to vote in a caucus on Feb. 9. Republicans are scheduled to choose their favorite presidential candidate at their convention Jan. 24-25. However, legislation currently in the Michigan House could create a joint, state-run primary on Jan. 15.

It is estimated that a state-run primary would draw more than 2 million voters; whereas the separate elections would bring in 100,000 Democratic voters and only 4,000-6,000 Republican voters.

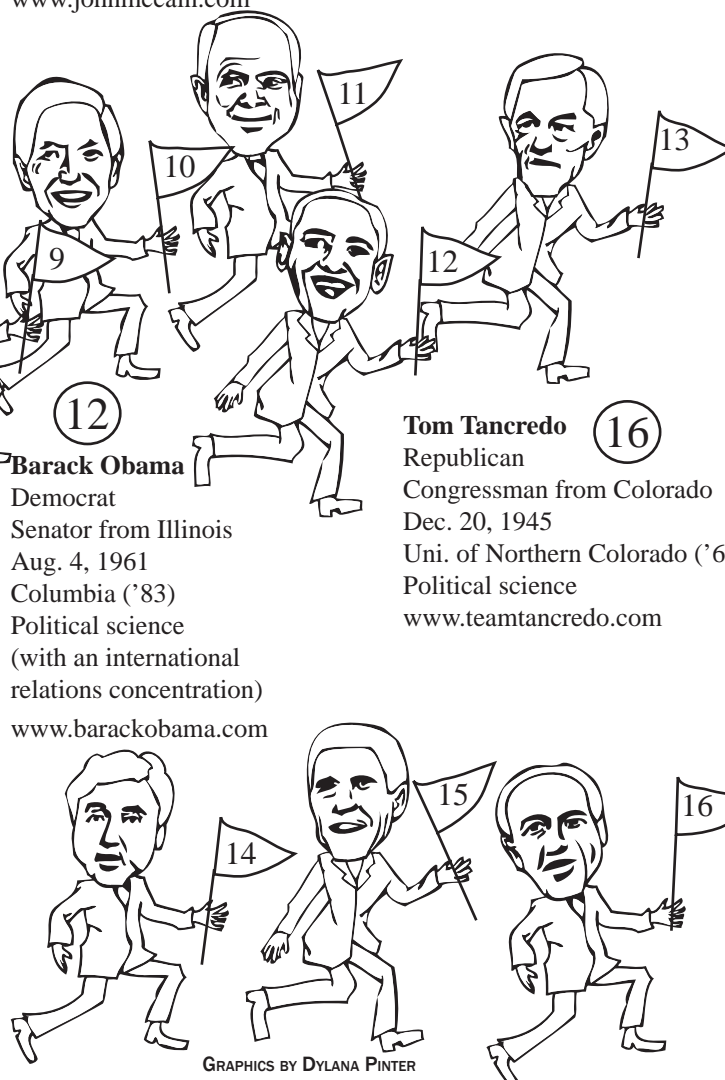
The legislation, which passed Michigan Senate on Aug. 22, is supported by the Michigan Republicans but has split the state's Democratic Party.

"It's unfortunate that the Senate Republicans passed this presidential primary bill today," said Mark Brewer, the chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, in a statement released following the passage of the primary legislation.

"The Michigan Democratic Party continues to oppose this bill, and we applaud all the Democrats in the state Senate for unanimously voting against it. We look forward to having our caucus plan approved at the (Democratic National Committee's) Rules and Bylaws Committee meeting this Saturday (Aug. 25) in Washington, D.C."

At the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee meeting on Aug. 25, committee members

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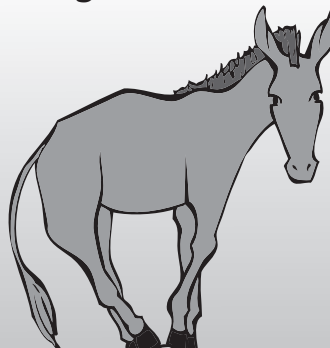
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Daily Show Party
September 6, 10:30 p.m.
Maas Conference Room

First Hope Democrats Meeting
September 20, 10:15 p.m.
Martha Miller

Mark Brewer
Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party
October 7, 4 p.m.
Fried-Hemenway Auditorium



PHOTO COURTESY DePREE GALLERY

GOING PLACES — Kauffer's early American Airlines posters bridge the gap between advertisement and art. This poster markets for American Airlines.



PHOTO COURTESY DePREE GALLERY

COPPER WORKS — Many of Shepherd's pieces are composed of copper and blown glass.

Poster art weds sculptures in Depree exhibit

Katie Bennett

ARTS EDITOR

On Sept. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m., the DePree Arts Center and Gallery will host the opening for its current exhibit, which will run until October.

The gallery features works by Don Shepherd and E. Mcknight Kauffer, two artists with refreshingly dissimilar mediums.

Shepherd's background in architectural and liturgical de-

sign makes his sculptures particularly interesting. Many of his pieces were created using blown crystal glass, copper and wire mesh. Several of the sculptures, featuring deep vibrant color, allude to Shepherd's stained glass expertise.

"I believe that design is a powerful process in the service of the spiritual and functional needs of humanity," Shepherd said.

Shepherd's passion for func-

tional design is clearly shared by E. Mcknight Kauffer, the graphic design artist featured alongside Shepherd in the exhibit.

Kauffer, who started his career as a painter, became an important poster artist during the World War era.

Kauffer's poster work is generally adorned with clean lines and symbolic imagery, a style which he helped pioneer in international advertising in the

1920s and 1930s.

Although highly respected and sought after in Europe, Kauffer did not achieve full recognition in the United States during his lifetime.

The pieces on display at DePree include several famous American Airlines posters and sketched plans for stage sets. For the pieces, Kauffer used primarily ink, pencil and lithograph.

Tulipanes features Mexican soprano

Soprano Martha Juliana Ayech Rodriguez will perform on the eve of the Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Festival in Dimnent Chapel Aug. 29 from 7- 8:30 p.m.

According to Italian publication Il Giornale della Musica, Rodriguez "has in her repertory operas that require great professional ripeness, managing the extraordinary energy variations the act needs to express, going from the delicate whisper to a great vocal expression."

Student tickets are \$6.50. Contact DeVos Fieldhouse Ticket Office for purchase.



Martha Juliana Ayech Rodríguez

'99 piano alum to perform Tower, Rubenstein Sept. 11

Katie Bennett

ARTS EDITOR

As Hope students wonder what lies beyond their short four years of college, an upcoming recital promises a possible answer to that very question. On Sept. 11, students will have the rare opportunity to see one of their own return to the fold. Beth Quimby-Hopkins ('99), a former student of Hope professor Charles Aschbrenner, will perform a piano recital in Dimnent Chapel at 7:30p.m.

The program for the recital promises to be varied and interesting. An early Bartok suite begins the recital. Franz Schubert's beautiful three-movement Sonata in A minor follows.

"It ends with blasted octave passages for two hands in canon," Aschbrenner said.

Quimby-Hopkins will also play a modern piece by Joan Tower, a modern composer rising in popularity, and will finish with an etude by Anton Rubenstein. The Rubenstein etude is best summed up by Maurice Hinson with the phrase, "unceasing wrist motion at a terrifying [speed of] Allegro Vivace."

"Seeing and playing for several of my old professors will be a very emotional experience for me, and playing in Dimnent Chapel will be especially so," said Quimby-Hopkins. "There are a lot of old ghosts floating

around in that space from recitals and concerts long since past."

Although she came into college with designs on music education and English, Quimby-Hopkins decided in her sophomore year that she wanted to pursue piano performance.

Said Aschbrenner, "Her talent was evident early on. She had enough repertoire in her first year to do a freshman recital — I think the first and only freshman ever to do so." With encouragement from Aschbrenner, Quimby-Hopkins applied to graduate school and got accepted to Peabody Conservatory.

"Baltimore was a huge change from Holland, and to say I experienced culture shock is an understatement. But I loved the environment. I was surrounded by serious musicians who made music the center of their life, and it was so inspiring. I worked harder than I'd ever worked in my life."

After earning her master's in two years, Quimby-Hopkins stayed on at Peabody to teach. She is currently the director of music at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart and, recently, a finalist in the prestigious Garrison Piano Competition.

"She's very intelligent, very talented, very ambitious," Aschbrenner said. Students and faculty both look forward to the performance.

THIS WEEK IN ART

Wednesday 8/29

Silent Killer: The Unfinished Campaign Against Hunger

Documentary series by Amnesty International in Science Center 1019 at 8 p.m. (showing also on 8/31 at 7 p.m.)

Tulipanes Soloist

Martha Juliana Ayech Rodriguez will perform in Dimnent at 7 p.m.

Thursday 8/30

Bich Minh Nguyen speaks

Author of "Stealing Buddha's Dinner." Dimnent Chapel 7-9 p.m.

Friday 8/31

SAC Movie

Graves Hall 7 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 12 a.m. (also showing Saturday at same times and Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Tuesday 9/4

Vanderprov Auditions

Dimnent Chapel B10 from 8 to 10 p.m. (Auditions also on Sept. 6).

Wednesday 9/5

Cool Beans Coffee Entertainment

Kletz 9 to 11 P.M.

Friday 9/7

Artist/Designer Reception

Guest speaker John Hetrick at The Depree Gallery 7 p.m.

Saturday 9/8

Drive-in Movie

Pine Grove 9 p.m. free admission.

Sunday 9/9

MENC Welcome Meeting

Beach party 4 p.m.

Tuesday 9/11

Guest Pianist Recital

Beth Quimby-Hopkins ('99) will perform in Dimnent Chapel 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY DAY

A long-running Holland and Hope College tradition is adding a unique dimension this year. As in the past, the annual Hope-Holland Community Day, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, will feature a picnic on Windmill Island and a home football game at Holland Municipal Stadium. For only the third time in the event's 42-year history, however, the game will be played under the lights. The picnic will run at the island from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by the game beginning at 7 p.m.

SLEEPING AT LAST, PAPER ROUTE PLAY SEPT. 2

Sleeping At Last and Paper Route will perform at Hope on Sept. 2 at the Knickerbocker Theater. A U2-influenced band originally from the Chicago area, Sleeping At Last plays with a passionate emo/alternative rock sound and Christian inflected lyrics. Nashville, Tenn.-based Paper Route was formed by former members of For All of the Drifters, and cites influences ranging from Bjork, to the pre-1976 Elton John, Tears for Fears, Emmylou Harris and Rufus Wainwright. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are free with a Hope student ID and \$10 for the public. Tickets available at the DeVos Ticket Office.

Dear Arts Editor,

I recently listened to a great new album and I'd like to write a review about it for The Anchor. Any chance it could be published on the Arts page?

- Interested Student

Dear Interested,

Yes! The Arts page is looking for student reviews of CDs, books and movies this year. If you've heard, read or seen something that you think people would like to know about, write a short review and submit it to anchor@hope.edu with "Arts Editor" as the e-mail subject. Writing reviews is a great and fun way to work up to a paid senior staff writer position while writing about something you love.

- Arts Editor



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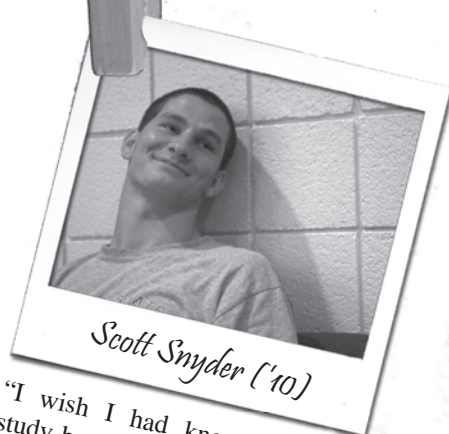
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'What do you wish you had known as a freshman?'

Hanging Out



"I wish I had known how to study better. You have to study a lot more in college than in high school."



"Having a good pair of headphones is essential. There's always potential for problems with the roommate."



"If you get all your homework done in the afternoon, you'll have evenings free to do whatever you want."



"I would say sleep more. It's unnecessary to stay up 'til 4 every night."

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Broke at the Bookstore:

Lindsey Manthel
FEATURES EDITOR

"I just spent \$600," Mark McBride ('08) said. "It's bad. They were all huge books and all new."

Complaints like this are common as Hope College gears up for a new semester.

Like many colleges across the nation, Hope's textbook prices continue to rise. The College Board, the organization that administers the SAT test, reported that U.S. college students spent an average of \$801 to \$904 on books and supplies in the 2005-2006 school year.

A majority of Hope students purchase their books from the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, located in the basement of the DeWitt Center. A portion of the profits from the bookstore go toward the Geneva Scholarship, which provides financial support to foreign students to foster peace and understanding among cultures.

Textbook Manager Mary Deenik, who has worked in the bookstore for the past decade, explained that the prices of books are out of the bookstore's control, as prices are set by the publishers.

"Some students have asked me about looking for their books at larger bookstores at Grand Valley or Michigan State. Honestly, prices there would probably be exactly the same. We're not trying to rip you off—we just don't have any say in the prices of new textbooks," Deenik said.

Deenik understands the financial strain buying textbooks puts on many students.

"I had three sons go through college myself," she said. "I really try hard to keep the prices down as best I can."

Alternative Vendors

Twenty-three percent of all textbooks in the fall of 2005 were bought online and the numbers continue to increase. Below are the most popular online sources for new and used textbooks recommended by Hope students.

Amazon.com	Ebay.com	Textbooks.com
Campusi.com	Half.com	Powells.com
HopeMarketplace/Knowhope		
Facebook Marketplace Books Exchange		

Prices have risen roughly twice the rate of inflation over the past 20 years with no sign of abating, according to the Government Accountability Office. Publisher's prices have increased 6 percent this year alone.

The release of new editions and the inclusion of CD-ROMs with textbooks are the main reason for increasing textbook prices, Deenik explained. Within several months of a new edition's release, old editions are destroyed or so devalued that bookstores refuse to carry them.

"New editions are a hassle for professors as well as students," English professor Bill Pannapacker said. "We take notes and prompts for class discussions in the margins of textbooks, and when a new edition comes out, we have to transfer our notes and change our syllabi. We're not thrilled about it either."

Deenik predicts that prices are likely

to remain high due to the extensive time authors devote to writing textbooks, production prices, shipping costs and the relatively low circulation of textbooks.

"Yes, textbooks are expensive. You just have to think of them as an investment for your education," Deenik said.

To reduce costs, many students are turning to online vendors for both new and used textbooks.

"I save at least \$100 every semester by buying books online,"

Krista Homakie ('09) said. "Some of them aren't worth it though because of shipping costs, and it is a hassle not having books on time."

Online stores are emerging as college

Textbook prices frustrate students

bookstores' biggest competitor. It's also common for students to use local libraries or interlibrary loans to borrow books for classes.

As dismal as buying textbooks is for Hope students, there is a ray of hope. Book Buyback, which takes place at the end of each semester, offers a chance for students to get back a portion of their money.

The Hope Geneva Bookstore refunds 55 percent of new textbook prices at the end of each term for books that will be used the following semester. According to Deenik, 55 percent is a better return than most college stores offer.

"There is a nationwide trend that buybacks are down," Deenik said. "However, at Hope, our numbers have stayed pretty steady."

The number of used books sold each semester often depends on the timeliness of the professors in filing their book lists with the Hope Geneva Bookstore. If professors turn in their book lists on time, the bookstore can order a greater number of used books.

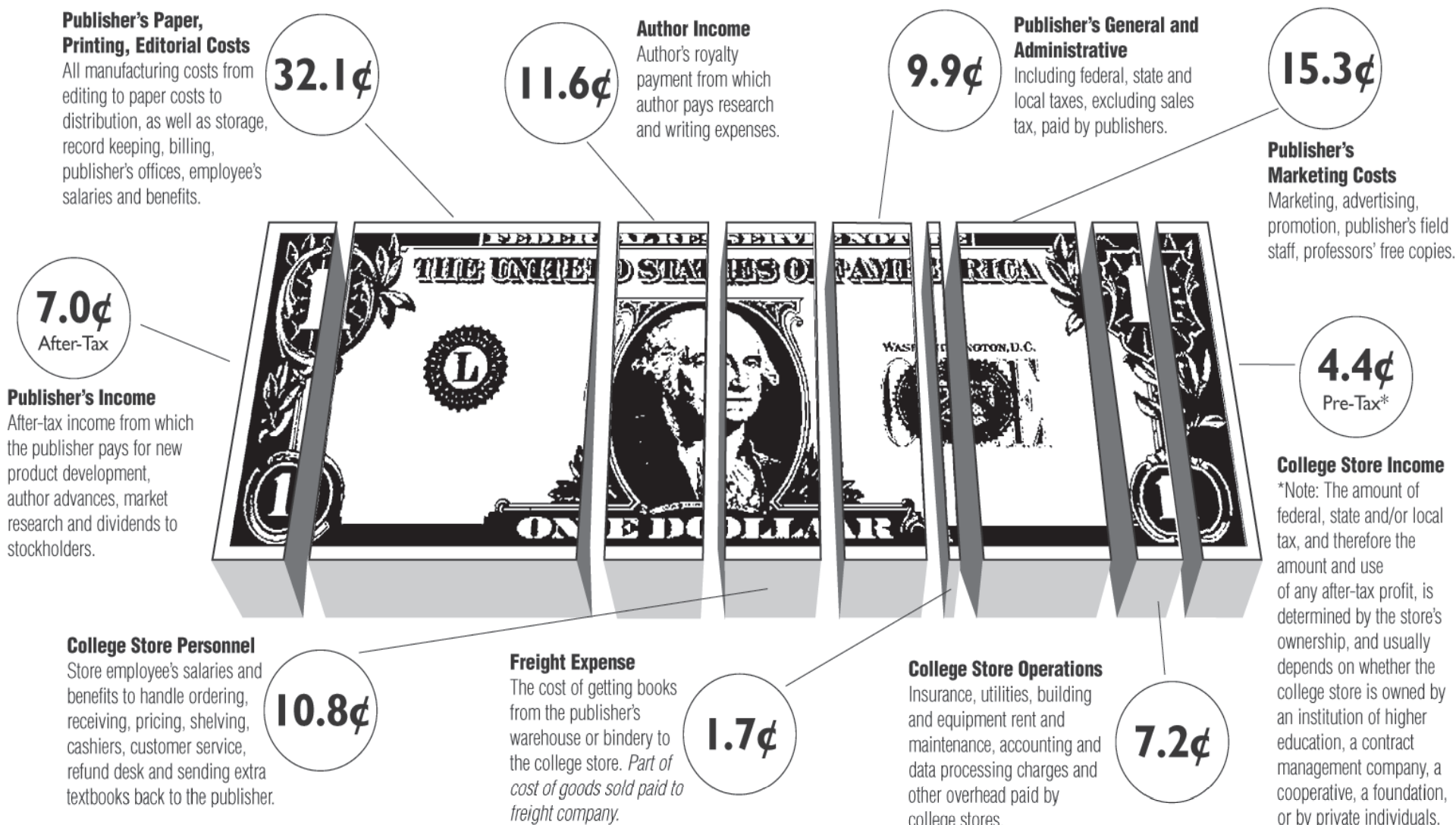
"Professors work to keep book costs down," Pannapacker said. "I foresee a time in the near future when there won't

be a need for buying books such as 'Candide' or the 'Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin' because they will be available online for free. It's the textbooks that are a problem."

U.S. college students spent an average of \$801 to \$904 on books and supplies in the 2005-2006 school year.

—The College Board

Where the New Textbook Dollar Goes* ...



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In pursuit of knowledge
Between the lines



Evelyn Daniel



Emily Papple

Did you know ...
... that scientists announced Thursday they have made a galactic discovery of monumental proportions? They have found nothing. In fact, according to reports in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, they found a greater expanse of empty space than has ever been found before. Prof. Lawrence Rudnick of the University

of Minnesota found a hole in the universe 6 billion trillion miles wide that contains no galaxies, no stars, no dust, no matter of any kind.
Did you know ...
... that last week, according to reports in the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, tornadoes ravaged five counties in southeast Michigan? The storms, sighted in Washtenaw, Oakland, Genesee, Livingston and Eaton counties, left as many as 120,000 DTE Energy customers without power at the height of the inclement weather. The homes of three Anchor staff members lie within the affected counties.
Did you know ...
... that the government of the former Soviet republic of Georgia said they fired on a Russian aircraft that they believed was violating their airspace? According to the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, Georgia also accused Russia earlier this month of flying fighter jets over their

country and dropping a missile. Russia denies any involvement in either incident.
If you haven't read these stories, don't feel bad. We hadn't either — until we started researching for this column. In doing so, we began to realize just how much there was that we didn't know — and wouldn't know if we didn't read the news.
As the editors of The Anchor this year, you will be hearing from one of us every week. Our staff does its best every issue to bring you the most objective, accurate and up-to-date news available at press time. While we constantly strive to bring our readers the stories that most impact us as a college community, the news contained in these pages represents only a minute fraction of the infinite body of knowledge that waits to be discovered.
Whether you find our words agreeable or disagreeable, we hope they inspire you to take what you read here as a starting point to explore and expand your understanding

of the world. We encourage you to think about what you read here and respond to it —on a personal level or publicly through a letter to the editor. Also, Anchor readers are always welcome to stop by our office and share their thoughts with whichever sleep-deprived staff member they find first.
As college students, it is important to realize that attaining knowledge is a personal choice. As a student, you could have chosen not to come to Hope — but you did. Each day, you choose whether or not to attend class, to do the readings and to engage with others in an academic setting. You chose to continue reading this column. We hope that you will use your remaining time at Hope to pursue knowledge.

Emily and Evelyn are happy to be back on campus from their summers working respectively in newspaper design and at the American Cancer Society.

Yellow Wallpaper
A cup of wisdom



Rachel Lackey

Today feels distant, the hours flying by without purpose. The streets are busy and I am a mess — too comfy to care — having no one to please with my appearance.
The coffee shop is familiar but does not feel like home. Each painted face that enters is unrecognizable and flushed with

panic as fall quickly approaches. This place is oozing with feeling and memory but they enter with fresh eyes—with wide eyes—that can't possibly see it all. They have flocked to our town eager to please, eager to learn, eager to change and grow up.
Some days I wish to be them, full of time and worry. Mostly I just wish we could run away and forget it all — thinking we are still filled with worry but about the things that “really matter” — with all our years of “wisdom” and experience that lead us to more “important worries” like grad school,

medical breakthroughs and ending world hunger. I am tired just watching them as my contrasting appearance reminds me of my age.
When did we lose our worry? Where has our panic gone?
As I watch them choose their mood lattes and other fancy drinks, I am covered with fear and envy finishing my third cup of caffeine — black. They have four years ahead of the life I am so desperately trying to hang onto. Four years to discover who they really are, what they really want, and where they are supposed to be. I have

months ... days ... hours.
Welcome, class of 2011. I can't wait to see what you will bring to the bubble that is Hope College. Embrace this place, these years, these people, because there is no other place like it. Savor every sip of coffee, every ounce of good conversation and each moment of laughter because those are the things so easily forgotten.
Rachel Lackey is an English major from Davison, Michigan. She finds that coffee shops provide the perfect remedy to writer's block.

EDITORIAL

Recent parking changes undermine student safety

Students who live in cottages and have cottage parking passes can now park in other campus lots, but only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
While this may be an improvement from years past, what happens to those students studying late at the library? Or those students participating in late-night study groups? Or those of us on The Anchor?
Take the Anchor staff, for example. We dutifully lay out the student newspaper every Tuesday night, which often finds us in our office until early Wednesday morning, long past the 7 p.m. parking deadline.
In order to respect the campus rules, we would have to walk home. However, many of us live in cottages so far away that walking home, sometimes as late as 3 a.m., wouldn't be safe.
Parking in the lot behind the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication means being ticketed and billed \$25 – weekly.
There is the possibility of using the shuttle van. However, shuttle van service ends at 2 a.m. – often before The Anchor is put to bed.
Not only is the Anchor staff affect-

ed, but students can work in the library until midnight most nights. Students can also study by themselves or in groups in the academic buildings as late as necessary.
In light of these security concerns, students who live in cottages or commute to campus should be able to park park later on campus. For the sake of student safety, surely something can be done.
This is a staff editorial, and as such represents the views of THE ANCHOR staff as a whole.

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Rumbleweeds

How I spent my vocation—er, vacation

Jeremy Benson



I spent approximately 10 hours of my summer eating fried chicken and Sam’s Club cookies in sweaty backyards of high school graduates. My family knew the graduates from the church we stopped attending in 2003. At each party I ran into a mob of deacons, organists, and youth group leaders I hadn’t seen since last year’s grad parties. At each party they would inevitably ask the series of questions known to every college student: What school do you go to? What are you studying? What year are you? Got a girlfriend?

(Freshmen: unless your hometown is overgrown with an advanced system of

grapevines, go ahead and print yourself a ream of FAQ sheets. Better yet, make a T-shirt with all the answers, and wear it every visit home. Fickle? Make your T-shirt out of dry-erase board.)

When the partygoers heard I am entering my senior year they couldn’t resist pitching the curveball: “What will you do upon graduation?”

I don’t know. Heck, it’s a full eight months away!

While not schmoozing over plates of macaroni salad, I hiked the coast of California with my sister. And honestly, my career was the farthest thing from my mind. I had more pressing matters, like finding a place to sleep in a millionaire neighborhood (we slept under some bushes on the median) or wolfing down a can of beans in a futile attempt to satisfy my furnace of a stomach.

On one particular occasion, my sister

April and I walked into Santa Cruz, after a 30-mile day, just as the sun began its descent. Finding a stack of yellow pages, we called every listing under hotels, motels and inns. The cheapest room we could find cost \$150 and was across town.

We sat on the ground outside a grocery store and listed our options: a) walk three more miles to spend too much on a bed. b) Call a taxi and ride to a state park trail, where there may or may not be a campsite. c) Find a playground and sleep in the tubes. d) Divine intervention.

We had decided on option B when we went inside to buy some groceries, including a half gallon of Cookies ‘n’ Cream, which we planned on eating while waiting for the taxi.

“Where ya hiking to?” asked a man behind us in the checkout.

“San Diego.”

“Where are you staying tonight?”

We laughed and shrugged.

And that’s when a miracle happened. The man, Fred, passed his groceries to a friend, ushered us to his car and took us to his house. We ate the entire carton of ice cream on his deck, giggling. In the morning, his friend made us omelets.

Without us knowing, God chose option D.

So, I do not fear the vast unknown that is my future. I have chosen option D: I trust that opportunities to use my talents fruitfully will arise. After all, worms and beavers and birds all have jobs, purposes, callings. Doesn’t God love you and me more than these?

In the meantime, Jeremy will continue to write and make useful art out of junk he finds in the garbage. If you have suggestions or want to respond, e-mail him at jeremy.benson@hope.edu or the Anchor at anchor@hope.edu.

Study debunks alcohol myth

*** ALCOHOL, from page 1**

According to Jobson, the goal of the social norms advertising was to change a skewed perspective of alcohol on college campuses.

“We wanted to help the first year students know that it’s normal not to drink at college and especially not on or around our campus,” Jobson said. “Our ultimate goal is to have a more informed idea of the way things are on our campus.”

The ad campaign, entitled “Social Norms — The Way Things Really Are,” is set up

campus-wide and features posters with varying graphics and phrases that attempt to get a single point across: “The majority of students at Hope College choose not to drink.”

Jobson was optimistic that the ads would have their desired effect on students.

“[The posters are] a different approach as opposed to just telling you,” Jobson said. “I want those students who are sitting on the fence to say, ‘I have permission not to drink.’”



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2011: Let the journey begin

*** JOURNEY, from page 1**
(’09), an assistant director.

The staff this year consisted of 163 OAs, 20 ADs, and two directors.

Claudia Klimkowski (’08), one of the ADs, noted the important role that the two directors, Katie Ester (’08) and Amy VanDerMeulen (’08), played in all areas of Orientation.

“Katie and Amy did an incredible job,” Klimkowski said. “If it wasn’t for them with thousands of people on campus, it would have been crazy. They’ve been working since January for Orientation; they are amazing leaders.”

One fairly noticeable part of Orientation staff apparel was two

ribbons, one pink and one blue, attached to each staff person’s nametag, in honor of Sam Meengs (’10) and Karen Linder (’10), both of whom had been scheduled to be OAs.

“It’s the least we could do to honor them and try to make the weekend go well,” Klimkowski said.

As the class of 2011 continues their first week of school at Hope, the journey for the students appears to have started out on the right foot. If the impression left upon the Orientation staff is any notion for what is in store this year, the future bodes well for Hope.

“So far, this class has really impressed us,” Klimkowski said.



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BIG GUNS — Andrew Lee (’09) flexes for the press as he, Brittaney Reest (’09), left, and Laura Ansilio (’09), right, assist with yet another first year move-in.

Michigan primary date may change

*** PRIMARY, from page 4**
decided to severely penalize Florida, which violated DNC primary calendar laws, stripping the state of all its delegates for the 2008 nominating convention. The action taken against Florida is intended to prevent other states from changing moving their primary.

Not all Democrats are concerned about consequences from the DNC, but are worried about the cost of a state-run primary.

Deeming a state-run primary “fiscally irresponsible,” U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak wrote a letter to both Brewer and Gov. Jennifer Granholm stating that a state-run primary could cost taxpayers \$10-12 million. Party run elections would be paid for by the state parties.

However, other Democrats support the primary move.

In an open letter to Granholm,

“We, in Michigan, have a responsibility to provide a forum where the largest number of people possible are participating in the process, in what quite frankly will be one of the most important elections of many people’s lifetime.”

— Open letter to Gov. Jennifer Granholm

Brewer and Republican Chairman Saul Anuzis, 14 Democrats, including Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, Reps. John Dingell, Sander Levin, John Conyers and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, endorsed the Jan. 15 primary.

The letter pointed to the increased voter turnout a state-run primary would provide and specifically stated: “We, in Michigan, have a responsibility to provide a forum where the largest number of people possible are participating in the process, in what, quite

frankly will be one of the most important elections of many people’s lifetime. Maximum participation should be the first and foremost goal with the goal of keeping this state’s future healthy and vital.”

New York Times blogger Katharine Seelye reported that a state primary could be more beneficial to Sens. Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama; whereas a party-run caucus would be more helpful to former Sen. John Edwards, who has strong ties to the unions.

Facebook founder sued

*** FACEBOOK, from page 3**
“Dorm room chitchat does not make a contract, so I want make a contract, so I want to see it,” Woodlock said to the Boston courtroom.

CNET news reporter Caroline McCarthy reports that a formal deal was not made between the two parties and that the “paper trail” is made up of old e-mails and voicemail messages, causing Woodlock to urge the ConnectU legal team to better spell out their complaints against Zuckerberg and Facebook.

Due to the fact that the majority of the accusations date back to when all involved were students at Harvard, before Facebook and ConnectU were formal corporations, Woodlock alluded to the shakiness of even the most serious of ConnectU’s charges – copyright infringement.

Despite media reports stating otherwise, Narendra and the Winklevoss twins claim they do not want to shut down Facebook.

According to a report done by CNN Money, ConnectU’s lawyer, John Hornick, told the Woodlock that ConnectU wants to fix the “inaccuracies in the press.”

Initially only for Harvard students, Facebook was founded in Zuckerberg’s dorm room with Dustin Moskovitz and Christopher Hughes in February 2004. ConnectU opened only a few months later.

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A TRIP TO THE HOME OF GOLF

Summer training in Scotland adds skills and memories for Hope College golfers

Nick Hinkle
SPORTS EDITOR

Pouring rain and 30 mph winds hardly sounds like ideal weather for a vacation, but the Hope College men's golf team knew what to expect when they traveled to Scotland this summer.

The 10-day trip allowed the team to play some of Scotland's best courses, including this year's British Open site, Carnoustie. In addition, the team was able to go sightseeing and absorb some of the local culture.

"The three aspects of the Scotland trip (cultural, competition and service) were all experienced by the team," coach Bob Ebel said on the team's online journal. "Three days of sightseeing, three days of competition against local Scottish teams and a service project at St. Margaret's Hospice House."

The team arrived in Glasgow, Scotland on July 28. On the 29th, the team made its first stop at Kingsbarns Golf Club, where captain Tommy Yamaoka ('08) posted the low round 73.

"Highlighting the trip were rounds played at Kingsbarns, Prestwick, and Carnoustie," Yamaoka said. "My favorite part of the trip was playing all of the historical courses, and being able to visit and learn about the great history of Scotland and some of the major cities we toured."

In addition to Kingsbarns, the team played Prestwick,

Carnoustie and walked the grounds of the Old Course at St. Andrews. The St. Andrews experience stuck out in most of the players' minds as the most memorable.

In their online journal, Yamaoka and Matt Lapham ('08) said, "The time spent in St. Andrews was well worth the trip, and a day seemed like it wasn't enough time to explore everything St. Andrews had to offer."

Captain Ryan Sheets ('08) also enjoyed the Old Course experience.

"The highlight of the trip had to either be the round of golf at Carnoustie, or spending a day at the birthplace of golf, St. Andrews," Ryan Sheets ('08) said.

Although the team was able to enjoy some famous Scottish courses, they still had to face some struggles with the weather.

"We were very fortunate with the weather, with the exception of the last day of golf at Prestwick where it rained all day," Sheets said. "We had very nice weather with temperatures in the low 60s and little rain."

In addition to weather challenges, the courses in Scotland are tough without rain or wind. Many of the Scottish courses play differently compared to courses in the U.S.

"The styles of courses were different in Scotland, mostly being links, which required us to adapt our games to fit," Yamaoka

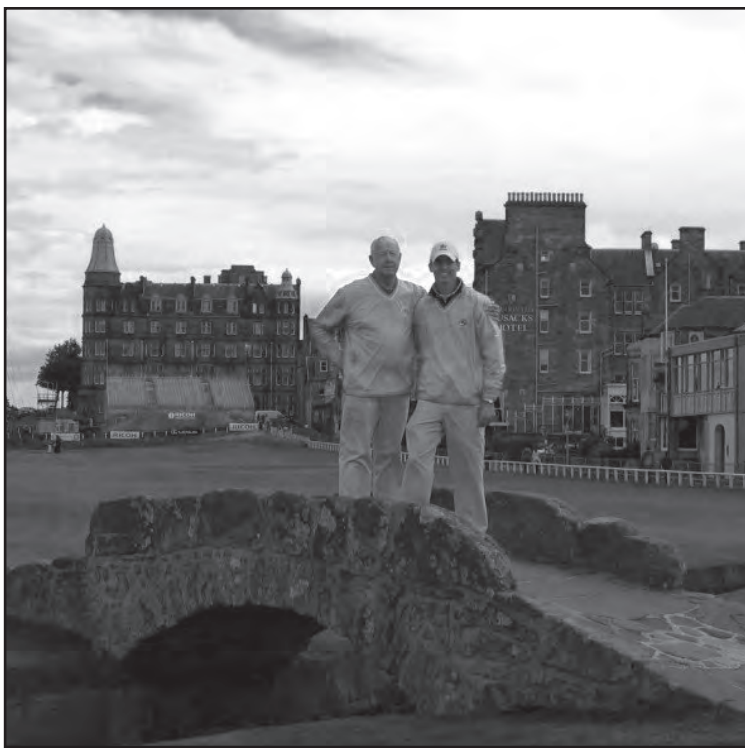


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THE SWILKEN BRIDGE — Coach Bob Ebel and former Hope golfer Nate Golomb ('07) stand on St. Andrews' famous bridge, which many British Open champions have crossed.

said. "We had to learn and execute different types of shots we do not get to see regularly in the United States."

Now with playing experience in the tough conditions of Scotland, the team is ready to defend its MIAA title and make another appearance at the NCAA tournament.

"The Scotland trip was a great preview of what to expect in our upcoming season," Sheets said. "We competed in three matches over there, winning all

of them. We have a very talented, experienced team this year with seven upperclassmen."

In addition to the golf experience, the memories and camaraderie will be something these players will take with them forever.

"[The] Scotland trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Sheets said. "To go play some of the most famous courses in the world, with the whole team there, was something I will never forget."

HOPE VOLLEYBALL TRAVELS TO BRAZIL

Trip to Brazil offers new, intense competition not experienced in conference play

Nick Hinkle
SPORTS EDITOR

With help from a trip to Brazil, the Hope College volleyball team will be seeking a MIAA title and an NCAA appearance. This summer the team traveled to Brazil to compete against club teams and participate in teambuilding activities.

Captain Nora Slenk ('08) went on the international trip and said it brought the team closer than ever.

"It was probably one of the best experiences with Hope volleyball," Slenk said. "The trip really brought us close together. We can tell what each other is think-

ing when we are on the court."

In addition to teambuilding, the trip allowed Hope players to compete against international players with different techniques than what Hope usually encounters.

"The Brazilians were really emotional on the court," Slenk said. "They played with a lot of emotion and won a lot of scrappy points. It was good for us to play against."

With their international experience, the Dutch hope to improve on last year's 25-10 record and place second in the MIAA behind Calvin. This season the team will try to improve on its conference,

regional and national performances.

"We want to have an MIAA conference championship," Slenk said. "We also want to advance further into the NCAA tournament and beat Calvin."

Along with three captains, Hope has four freshmen on the varsity squad to help achieve its preseason goals.

"The freshmen are really strong players and will be pushing for playing time," Slenk said.

"We will also be really deep on our bench this year."

Hope's first competition is this Friday and Saturday at the Ohio Northern Invitational. Hope will try to implement its preseason training and conditioning in the tournament.

"We had three-a-days all last week, eight hours of volleyball a day," Slenk said. "We have been working a lot on serve receiving. You cannot have a good hit without a good pass."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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Ohio Wesleyan Tournament
Women's Soccer
At Kenyon vs. Mount St. Joseph at 4 p.m.
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Volleyball
Ohio Northern Invitational

Saturday Sept. 1
Football
Home vs. UW River Falls at 1 p.m.
Cross Country
Vanderbilt Invitational at 10:30 a.m.
Men's Soccer
Ohio Wesleyan Tournament
Men's Golf
Olivet Comet Classic at Bedford Valley Country Club
Women's Soccer
Away vs. Denison at 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Hope College women's soccer team begins its season this Friday and will try to reclaim the MIAA title.

Last year Hope lost to rival Calvin 1-3 in the championship game. Despite Hope's second place finish last year, they have claimed the title three out of the last four years. The team finished with an overall record of 9-8-2 and a conference record of 6-4-1.

Hope has 16 returning letter-winners, which includes three All-MIAA players. In addition, the team has 10 freshmen on its roster this season.

The Dutch will face its first conference competition on Sept. 8 against Saint Mary's College.

MEN'S GOLF

The Hope College men's golf team will try to defend its MIAA conference title this fall with four All-MIAA players returning. Captains Ryan Sheets ('08) and Tommy Yamaoka ('08) have high hopes for the season.

"The team goals for the season are to defend the MIAA title and earn a trip back to the national tournament next spring," Yamaoka said. "It would again be a goal of ours to place five guys on the All-MIAA team."

In the offseason, many team members played summer tournaments throughout Michigan.

"All of the guys on the team have been working on their games this summer, and we all hope to repeat this year as MIAA champions," Yamaoka said. "Playing in amateur tournaments around the state has helped prepare a lot of the guys for the season."

The team will compete in the Olivet Classic at Bedford Valley Country Club on Aug. 31- Sept. 1. This will give a chance for all of Hope's players to compete, as they will be sending two teams instead of one five-man team.

"We will be sending two teams to the Comet classic," Sheets said. "It should really show how deep of a team we have, because both teams will have a chance to compete for the title."

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Football, soccer look to defend MIAA titles:

PRESEASON TRAINING EXPECTS PAYOFFS

Football

The votes are in, and the Hope College football team is the conference favorite heading into the MIAA competition. The Dutchmen received 12 out of 13 votes from the media during the 38th annual Media Day hosted by Albion College.

Last year Hope claimed the conference championship with a 7-4 overall record, which included a seven-game winning streak. With a large senior class, the Dutch will try to repeat their championship performance.

“I think we have a great shot to take the championship,” captain Troy Blasius (’08) said. “We lost some starters, but the guys who are replacing them all have playing time.”

Along with a strong senior class, Hope has a large group of freshmen who will contribute to this year’s team.

“I think this is one of the biggest freshmen classes in Hope’s history,” Blasius said. “They will definitely make an impact this season.”

Fortunately, the newcomers will have plenty of seniors to lead them throughout the season including Blasius, Colin Balas (’08), Matt Rugenstein (’08) and Kevin VandenBosch (’08). After spending three seasons together, Blasius believes the close relationships has led to success on the field.

“We are definitely a mainstay of the team,”



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GREAT GRAB — Tight end Steve Agauas (’10) snatches a pass in practice. Hope will face UW River Falls for the first time this Saturday.

Blasius said. “We hang out on and off the field. This is one of the bigger reasons for success last year and will contribute to our success this year.”

This Saturday Hope will face UW River Falls at 1 p.m. at home. Hope has never faced UW River Falls so it has been difficult for the

team to know what to expect for Saturday. In addition, UW River Falls recently hired a new coach.

“We will try to get some of our new players some experience and work as a team,” Blasius said. “Specifically, we have been going over some film from last season.”

Women’s Golf

After a disappointing finish in the MIAA last year, the Hope College women’s golf team hopes to finish well in this year’s conference competition with five returning letter-winners. Coach Eva Folkert enters her third season as head coach.

“I could easily say our goal is to finish in the top four in the league, without a van crash! Olivet returns four very strong all-MIAA golfers so they will be the team to beat for sure,” Folkert said.

This year the Dutch will have two seniors and five freshmen prospects.

“We will be young, true, so we are looking for freshmen to contribute early, but each will be brought along as they are capable and as they prove their potential and ability to make the top six,” Folkert said.

The Flying Dutch will compete in the Calvin Invitational at Thornapple Point Golf Club on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.

Men’s Soccer

The Hope College men’s soccer team has an 80 percent winning percentage in the new millennium. Their record of 104-28-9 has earned them four conference championships and four invitations to the NCAA tournament. Coach Steve Smith hopes to continue this streak.

“We would love to win the MIAA again this year



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SHOOT OUT — Hope players scrimmage to prepare for 2007 season.

and see an opportunity at the national tournament,” coach Smith said.

The Dutch will compete in the Ohio Wesleyan Tournament and face Kean College in the first round on Aug. 31.

“We would like to play Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday as that was our last game last year and would like to test ourselves against the national runners-up,” Smith said.

This year the Dutch return four All-MIAA players along with 10 freshmen.

“Our freshmen will have to contribute again this year, just as they did last year,” Smith said. “They are a very talented group and will fit well with our needs in the back. Our transfers will help us up front as well.”

Although the team has a lot of youth, they will have well-balanced leadership with four captains, two of which are goal keepers.

“Four captains is very new to us,” Smith said. “We have never done that before, but it was clear the guys on the team looked to all four of these guys for leadership so we thought we would give it a try. Two of them are goalkeepers and two are field players, so they should all find a voice.”

Cross Country

After a pair of second place finishes in the MIAA last year, the Hope College men’s and women’s cross country are preparing for another season with a youthful look. Together the teams have a total of 30 underclassmen including 17 freshmen.

Coach Mark Northuis is entering his 19th season as head coach for the teams and has high expectations despite the amount of newcomers.

“Even though we are young, we are not without talent,” Northuis said. The new members of the team were leaders on their high school teams and were very successful runners. They will contribute to the success of this year’s teams.”

Both teams also have solid returning members. The men have

14 letter-winners including both captain Seth Weener (’08) and Rob Bailey (’09) who achieved All-MIAA honors last season. The women have 12 letterwinners including three runners who have received All-MIAA honors.

Last year both teams were runners-up to Calvin in the MIAA.

“They return most of their teams from last year so they should be a good challenge,” Northuis said. “We are looking forward to seeing them.”

In preparation for conference competition, both teams returned early for preseason conditioning but not before working out this summer.

“This summer was spent running miles and working on strength,” Northuis said. “The teams returned to campus in good

shape with an eagerness to compete.”

The preseason training will aid the Dutch as they try to achieve their team goals at the conference, regional and national levels.

“Both teams want to finish in the top two spots in the conference and in the top five regionally, qualifying for the NCAA championships,” Northuis said.

The Dutch enter the season with the Vanderbilt Invitational Saturday at 10:30 a.m., which is hosted at Hope’s course. The women will try to defend last year’s title.

“We like starting the season at our home course,” Northuis said. “Not everyone is ready to race yet, so we will not be at full strength. We will enter the meeting seeking to win both championships. Cornerstone and Albion will be strong and a good early season test for us.”

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